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Dear Mom & Dad,

I thought you would be interested in this article about Swedish glass since you visited the factory there. Next time you go I hope you will order some for us.

Yesterday we had a long day; going up to Washington in the morning and getting home about midnight. First we went shopping and got wedding presents for Gail and our friends in Calif. It was very crowded in town and difficult to get around. Of course, the Christmas trimmings are already out.

After lunch we went to the Smithsonian and spent an hour looking around. They have completely reconstructed such things as an

18th century apothecary shop, a 19th century drugstore, and an early dentist's office. There are miles of exhibits that just overwhelm you with their completeness and size.

Next we had to go to the other side of town to pick up our skis which we bought last week. Now all we need is some snow in the mountains. In Virginia the resorts must often make their own snow, but it will still be fun. Every year a group of people from the N.W.L. go up to New Hampshire for a week of skiing and we will probably go along. We will need to get some warmer clothes before then.

Finally, we ate dinner and then went to see the Clancy Brothers who were at George Washington Univ. They sing

Irish folk songs and are very popular entertainers. We got home late after driving through heavy rain and some lightning. Today it is cloudy, but not cold.

We have all our tickets and reservations for the trip and can't wait to leave a week from Tuesday. I wrote to Mike Strandberg and he is going to have dinner with us in S.F. before we go back. We got a letter from Hail. There isn't much for them to do in N.E. and they may get a 3-day weekend to come up here. There isn't much time since Hail plans to leave about Dec. 13.

See you soon.

Jim